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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7680

INFO SECDEF

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, GT

SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN PURCHASE OF C-47S

REF: GUATEMALA 3579

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER DATED JULY 30 FROM  
DEFENSE MINISTER LUCAS TO NEW GUATEMALAN DEFENSE ATTACHE  
IN WASHINGTON, COL. MOREIRA, READING AS FOLLOWS:

2. "CONTINUE EFFORTS, EXHAUSTING ALL MEANS AT YOUR DISPOSAL  
AS WELL AS NECESSARY DIPLOMATIC ADVICE, SO THAT US DEFENSE  
DEPARTMENT MIGHT AUTHORIZE (DELIVERY) TO GOG OF ELEVEN  
C-47 AIRCRAFT THAT WE ORDERED UNDER PEACE MAYA PROGRAM...  
INASMUCH AS FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF (GUATEMALAN) ARMY HAS  
ALREADY MADE PAYMENT OF US\$259,784.14 FOR THESE PLANES  
THAT ARE NECESSARY AND INDISPENSABLE FOR ECONOMIC LIFE AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY.

3. "FYIN US AMBASSADOR, AID DIRECTOR AND COMMANDER OF  
GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE EXCHANGED IMPRESSIONS RECENTLY  
(REFTEL) AND FLEW OVER NORTHERN PART OF NATIONAL  
TERRITORY AND SAW NEED OF GUATEMALAN ARMY FOR GREATER  
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NUMBER OF C-47'S (IN ORDER TO) STIMULATE ECOMOMIC

DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY, ASSISTING COMPANIES THAT HAVE  
VALID (INVESTMENT) CONTRACTS SUCH AS RUBELSANTO, EXMIBAL,  
TEXACO AND OTHER, (AND) THAT NEED AIR TRANSPORT TO  
CONTINUE THEIR EXPLORATION OPERATIONS AND GEOLOGICAL  
STUDIES.

4. "FURTHERMORE, SAID AIRCRAFT WILL BE EMPLOYED IN  
STIMULATING MOVEMENT OF BASIC GRAINS SUCH AS CORN AND  
BEANS THAT ARE GROWN IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS NOT YET  
HIGHWAY PENETRATION. (SIGNED) BRIG. GEN. FERNANDO  
ROMEO LUCAS GARCIA."  
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